



CALENDAR

CougaRx Nation Alumni Event

July 24, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Columbia Edgewater
Country Club
Portland, Ore.
[RSVP](#)

Student Mentoring Luncheon

August 21, 2015
11:00—1:00 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.
[RSVP](#)

White Coat Ceremony

August 21, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Fox Theater
Spokane, Wash.

The Dean's "Welcome Back!" BBQ

August 25, 2015
11:30—1:30 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.

White Coat Ceremony & Mentoring Reception

August 27, 2015
PNWU campus
Yakima, Wash.

Details on upcoming events
will be posted as they
become available on our
[CougaRx Nation events web
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JULY 2015



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

As many have now heard, WSU President Elson Floyd lost his battle with cancer on June 20. WSU will host a [memorial service](#) at Beasley Coliseum in Pullman on August 26, when students have returned to campus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dr. Floyd will be forever remembered as the leader who started WSU on the path to rediscover our mission. We continue forward to honor his memory, but more importantly we continue forward because his vision was the right one for our college, the university, and the state. The land-grant mission of WSU and the College of Pharmacy is, and forever will, be one of the greatest causes to fight for. I share Dr. Floyd's view that there is something special about being a Cougar, and I count myself fortunate to serve the WSU College of Pharmacy.

The success of his vision is evidenced in so many ways. For example, in 2007 when Dr. Floyd first came to WSU, one of his first ambitious tasks was launching the [\\$1 Billion Campaign, "Because the World Needs Big Ideas."](#)

The original goal for the Campaign was \$500 million, but Dr. Floyd believed WSU should set the bar higher, and he was right. The Campaign concluded just two weeks ago on June 30, 2015, and brought in over \$1.07 billion to WSU—\$18 million to the College of Pharmacy—an incredible success that will help our College and our University prosper for years to come.

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHTS

Many of you made financial donations during the Campaign, particularly to student scholarships, and your contributions have made such a difference. Last month, our scholarship committee selected over 180 student pharmacists who received over \$330,000 in scholarships!

In fact, every student pharmacist who applied and met our qualifications received at least \$1,200 in scholarship support.

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What we've observed is that scholarships are not just about financial help, they are a vote of confidence in our students' abilities and their chosen profession. Perhaps it's best to hear from their point of view:



"It means a lot to me that you are willing to invest in me as a future pharmacist and in my future goals... My motivation for pursuing pharmacy as a career is because of the fact I lost my own father when I was little. There is a lack of quality sometimes in health care in Vietnam. As a result, when my father passed away from malaria because of this lack of quality I knew I wanted to do something in the health care profession... As a pharmacist, I hope to work with the Vietnamese community to improve their overall health and hopefully travel to Vietnam one day to help people in need of better health care... Thank you for this great opportunity and support that are you giving me."

—*Jessica Marrs, class of 2017: Bement Family Scholarship*



"It is difficult for words to express how honored I feel to be recognized as a future pharmacy owner by a company that works with so many other brilliant minds in hospitals, independent pharmacies, ambulatory clinics, and much more. This award is not only a big aid to help launch my career, but a powerful motivator and confidence booster."

—*Patrick Stolz, class of 2016: Cardinal Health Scholarship for Future Pharmacy Owners*



"Finding out that I was selected for the scholarship made me not only excited, but I felt great honor and fortune in you choosing me. I sincerely appreciate your support for my next great adventure into pharmacy school... I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this great scholarship, and I promise that hard work will come along with this amazing gift you have given me... I hope one day that I will be able to start my own scholarship to give students like me a great opportunity."

—*Janae Rame, class of 2019: Margit Garthe Harrison Memorial Scholarship*

PHARMACY MENTORS



Giving back isn't just about giving money, you can make a profound difference in many ways, like being a mentor!

Come to our mentoring program luncheon in Spokane on August 21 to learn more and see first-hand what this program is about. Meet some of our fantastic student



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pharmacists, check in with the faculty, and catch up with fellow alumni.
[RSVP](#)

You can also get more information on the mentor program online here:
bit.ly/wsupharmacymentors.

COUGARx NATION EVENTS

Are you in the Portland area? Mark your calendar and join us on Friday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of networking with WSU pharmacy alumni and friends. The event will take place at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club and is hosted by the CougaRx Nation board (special thanks to Leon and Merrie Kay Alzola for their help!) The reception is free and features a silent auction, a chance to purchase WSU College of Pharmacy items, complimentary appetizers, and a no-host bar—plus, we are delighted that Professor Emeritus Keith Campbell will be in attendance.

For more information, [click here](#), or to RSVP, please email gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu.

And, aloha Cougs! The CougaRx Nation is alive in Hawaii, so we're planning a reception on Oahu. Join the alumni and friends of the CougaRx Nation in Hawaii for a reception on Friday, October 30. Then on Saturday, October 31, we will gather for a football "watch party" to see WSU vs. Stanford. Details are being worked out, including discounted hotel accommodations.

For more information on attending these Hawaii events, please call 509-368-6675 , or email gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu. Or, you can RSVP online:

[RSVP](#) | October 30, CougaRx Reception

[RSVP](#) | October 31, Football Viewing Party

To join the CougaRx Nation or get more information, please [click here](#).

WAVE THE FLAG FOR PHARMACY

Wherever your travels may take you this summer, send us a photo with a Cougar flag or any other WSU memorabilia in the photo. We'd love to highlight your travels in an upcoming CougaRx Alumni Newsletter.

And if you want to borrow a Cougar flag for your trip, let us know by emailing: gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu. Please send your photos to this same email address.

With Best Wishes and Cougar Pride,

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ALUMNI UPDATES

- We saw that **Chris Wuestefeld**, class of 2001, was featured in the Wahkiakum County Eagle early in July. Chris and his family live in Cathlamet, Wash., and he recently purchased a pharmacy there. Congrats Chris on this professional achievement! [Read the article here.](#)
- **Gabriela (Camacho) Cipriano**, class of 2008 and faculty member in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at St. John Fisher College, Wegmans School of Pharmacy, has been promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenured status as of June 2015. Congrats Gabby on this professional achievement!
- We recently caught up with **Derek Barnhart**, class of 2004, here in Spokane. He has been working for Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center since completing his general practice residency there in 2005. He is the manager of pharmacy operations for PSHMC and Providence Holy Family Hospital.

IN MEMORIAM

- Retired Rear Adm. Robert Higgins, class of 1957, let us know that his dear friend **Floyd Danielson**, class of 1956, passed away last month. Floyd was living in Bandon, Oregon. He was 81. [Read the full obituary.](#)
- The funeral for **Washington State University President Elson S. Floyd** was held Saturday, June 29, in Henderson, N.C. A slide show of photos by Robert Hubner, WSU Photo Services, can be seen on the WSU Facebook page [here](#). Read more on the legacy of Dr. Floyd [here](#). In accordance with the Floyd family's wishes, the **Dr. Elson S. Floyd Medical Education Founders Fund** was created to support the accreditation, implementation, and operation of the new College of Medicine at WSU. [Read more about this fund here.](#)

Want to be listed in our alumni updates? Send us your career information or let us know what you've been up to!
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